PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For:

SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final Office Action dated April 24, 2007.

Applicant notes that the statutory fee of \$500.00 was previously paid for a Notice of Appeal and a Pre-Appeal Brief on July 31, 2006.

Since the Appeal and Pre-Appeal Brief of July 31, 2006, never reached the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences as the prosecution was reopened by the Examiner, no Appeal fee or Appeal Brief fee is due at this time (see MPEP § 1208.02 "[w]hether appellant elects to continue prosecution or to request reinstatement of the appeal, if prosecution was reopened prior to a decision on the merits by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the fee paid for the notice of appeal, appeal brief, and request for oral hearing (if applicable) will be applied to a later appeal on the same application.").

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Therefore, Applicant believes that no fees are due at this time. However, in the event the Applicant is in error, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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